To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pride and heartfelt enthusiasm that I recommend Yara Maher Ariss/Al Ariss for admission to your esteemed university. Over the past five years, I have had the privilege of teaching Yara mathematics, and for three of those years, I also served as her homeroom teacher. This sustained relationship has allowed me to witness her evolution into not only an exceptional student, but also a compassionate leader and a young woman of remarkable integrity and depth. Our ongoing conversations—often centered around her passion for economic development and her openness to diverse academic and cultural experiences—have convinced me that she is exceptionally well-prepared to thrive in your university's intellectually rigorous and globally engaged environment.

Academic Excellence

Yara consistently ranks among the most gifted students I have taught. Her understanding of mathematics transcends formulas; she is driven by a genuine curiosity for the logic and patterns that underpin the discipline. She approaches problems with both rigor and creativity, often exploring multiple pathways to reach a solution. This analytical mindset extends naturally into her interest in economics, where she demonstrates a keen ability to synthesize complex ideas and think critically. Her intellectual engagement goes far beyond the classroom: she frequently seeks out advanced topics, asks thoughtful questions, and requests book recommendations—conversations that continually impress me with her depth of thought. Fluent in English, French, Arabic, and Spanish, Yara's linguistic versatility further reflects her adaptability and readiness to succeed in a multilingual academic setting.

Character and Personal Qualities

Yara's academic strengths are matched by her exceptional character. In class, she is respectful, attentive, and actively engaged, contributing to a positive and inclusive learning environment. She balances humility with confidence, offering support to peers while remaining open to learning from others. Her empathy and emotional intelligence are deeply felt by those around her.

One of the most poignant examples of her character emerged last year when our school community faced the tragic loss of a classmate. While many students struggled to process their grief, Yara stepped forward to guide her peers through the pain. She organized charity initiatives in her friend's memory, transforming sorrow into meaningful action. Her resilience and compassion during this time were profoundly moving and emblematic of her quiet strength.

Leadership and Community Engagement

Yara's leadership is both consistent and inspiring. She has been elected Class President for six consecutive years—a testament to the trust and admiration she commands among her peers. She leads with grace and purpose, listening attentively, mediating conflicts, and fostering unity. Her leadership is not about holding a title; it is about serving others with integrity and empathy.

Her commitment to service is equally evident in her long-standing involvement with our school's Charity Club. During the summers of 2024 and 2025, she interned with the Banati Foundation in Cairo, an organization dedicated to

supporting homeless and at- risk girls. There, she assisted with educational activities and empowerment workshops, helping the girls develop practical skills and supporting initiatives to market their handmade products. These experiences deepened her understanding of how education and economic empowerment can restore dignity and independence—values she holds close to her heart.

Aspirations and Future Goals

Yara’s passion for economic development and her unwavering commitment to social justice are the driving forces behind her academic journey. She views education as a means to equip herself with the tools necessary to make a meaningful impact, with the long-term goal of becoming a Human Rights advocate. A degree from your institution will not only nurture her intellectual curiosity but also provide the foundation she seeks to translate her values into action.

Her academic ambition is further reflected in her recent completion of a 7-week accredited Harvard Summer Program in microeconomics. This intensive course deepened her understanding of economic systems and their influence on social and developmental outcomes. Her ability to engage with university-level material and extract meaningful insights speaks volumes about her intellectual maturity and readiness for advanced study.

In every respect, Yara is an extraordinary candidate. She is academically gifted, deeply principled, resilient in the face of adversity, and compassionate in her leadership. She embodies the qualities of a scholar, a leader, and a changemaker. I am confident that she will enrich your university community as much as she will benefit from it. It is without reservation that I offer her my highest recommendation.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at doaa.kamal@lfcaire.net.

Sincerely,

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